

Update on River Mile 10.9 Project in Lyndhurst

The Lower Passaic River Study Area Cooperating Parties Group (CPG), under the supervision of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), has restarted capping operations at River Mile (RM) 10.9 in Lyndhurst, New Jersey after delays related to winter weather.

In late February, we began the installation of a permeable fabric (known commonly as geotextile) and an erosion-resistant armoring stone layer at RM 10.9. The geotextile layer is being installed to hold in place the layers of sand and activated carbon below. The armoring stone layer – consisting of large rocks placed on top of the geotextile layer – will protect the cap from erosion during normal river flow conditions and storms. Once the armoring stone layer is installed, a final layer of sand will be placed on top as a habitat layer. We expect to complete the project in Spring 2014.

During the months of March and April, the CPG will continue to utilize barges to transport armoring stone and sand to the project site. Barges are expected to move on the River during high tide two to three times per week. We will continue to keep you updated on barge movements and bridge openings.